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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/803,022	Applicant(s) AUNE, LEIF EINAR	
Examiner Firmin Backer	Art Unit 3621	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2001.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to a letter for patent filed on March 14th, 2001 in which claims 1-4 are presented for examination. Claims 1-4 are pending in the letter.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant disclose “identifying the or each network” and “assigning to an or each APN.” Examiner is unclear as to what the meaning of the disclosure is. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Skog et al (U.S.

PG Pub 2001/0028636).

4. As per claim 1, Skog et al teach a method for assigning unique identifiers for allowing communication between a GPRS (General Packet Radio Service) system (*radio network, 55*) and

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a RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service) server (*radius server, 60*), including connecting one or more external networks (*mobile terminal, 45*) to the GPRS system and identifying the each network with an APN (Access Point Name) (*IP address*), and assigning to an or each APN external network a gateway address (*MSISDN number*) (*see fig 1, 2, paragraph 0006, 0010*), passing (*transmitting*) an APN-external network authentication request (*authentication information*) from a GGSN (Gateway GPRS Support Node) to the RADIUS server (*see paragraphs 0023, 0024*), providing from the RADIUS server to the GGSN upon such request a subscriber IP (Internet Protocol) address to be stored in the GGSN (Gateway GPRS Support Node) (*see paragraphs 0022*), the subscriber IP address being unique for the respective APN external network defined in the GGSN (*paragraphs 0022*), using the GGSN for combining the APN gateway address and the subscriber IP address, to form a unique subscriber identifier (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*), and sending from the GGSN the identifier to the RADIUS server for accounting, e.g. in the form of an ASCII string (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

5. As per claim 2, Skog et al teach a method wherein two or more of the APN external networks are provided with same subscriber IP address, but different gateway addresses to yield different unique APN identifiers (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

6. As per claim 3, Skog et al teach a method wherein two or more subscribers are present in at least one of the networks, each subscriber in a common network being provided with its own subscriber IP address, but same network gateway address (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

7. As per claim 4, Skog et al teach a method wherein the identifier is a code string having as a first element the gateway address of the APN external network in question and as a second element the subscriber IP address appended thereto (*paragraphs 0022, 0024, 0026*).

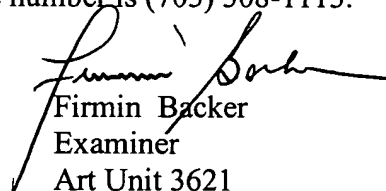
Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*see form 892*).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.


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